

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 31 are pending in the present application. Claims 5 to 31 have been canceled without prejudice to latter presentation in a continuing application.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview conducted on March 19, 2008 between Lawrence Meier (Attorney for the Applicant) and Examiner Johnna R. Loftis. During the interview Examiner Loftis indicated that the claims were subject to an election/restriction requirement. Lawrence Meier made a provisional election during this interview, in which he elected the invention of Group I. Thus, Applicant formally elects for immediate prosecution the invention of Group I, and, particularly, claims 1 to 4, with traverse.

Claims 1 to 4 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,609,101 to Landvater.

Applicant encloses a terminal disclaimer to address the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Accordingly, the rejection for obviousness-type double patenting is overcome.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 to 4 in the application are in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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